

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

How to Treat Poor Land with Clover.

Turning down clover as a green crop is highly recommended, and no one can deny that it is good. Our experience for more than a score of years has been that the best way is to turn down the land after a crop of seed has been taken from it. This has been demonstrated also across the water. Our practice has been to pasture the land until June 15th, if in large clover; if in June or medium clover the time was extended a week longer—we are in latitude 43 degrees. Plaster is sown immediately, which improves the stalk and the seed, and of course the root. When the crop is removed, there is not apparently much soil or grass visible, but the ground, which is more or less bare, is mellow. This has been uniformly the case. To put the plough in such land is like putting it into garden soil. It is mellow, and mellow deep down. If the soil be drained, this mellow condition remains in the spring, the land having been ploughed in the fall. An early planting and sowing were therefore available. We need not say that whatever grain was sown here grew well. We have had no better ground than this for barley or spring wheat. Oats would grow two rank and large unless in a drought, in which case no more remunerative crop could be raised; but they left the land in a poorer condition than when barley was raised. For corn it was also excellent, and for potatoes it was only surpassed by a thick, well-rotted sod with clover roots forming part of the soil.

The advantage gained by using clover and ploughing after the seed crop is removed is, that poor land may be employed, and not only put in condition, but highly remunerative crops may be realized for at least a couple of years—both the texture and the fertility of the land being improved at the end of that time. A single season of clover does all this: There are two crops realized of clover and one or more of grain, all good, and the land left better at the end of it.

It needs but a "watch," however poor the soil may be, to realize this. Aided by plaster, the ground being dry so that the frost does not lift the plant you are safe for a fair crop to cut, or for pasture, and a crop of seed to follow. We have found it best to plough land in this condition rather late in the fall—the later the better, if it is dry. In winter, we have turned it down and had our best crop. But avoid wet ploughing, especially of clay soil, or all the good done the land is neutralized; this so far as the texture is concerned, and that is the medium of fertility.—Ex.

Seasonable.

The Rural World says: "One of the crudest things done to dumb beasts is putting hard frozen iron bits into a horse's mouth. It is not only a painful, but a dangerous act. For every time living flesh touches a metal much below the freezing point, the latter extracts the heat from the former and freezes it. Thus the horse's mouth becomes frozen by the cold iron several times a day put into it, each time causing these freezings to go deeper, to end at last in extensive ulceration. With such a sore mouth the poor horse refuses to eat, and pines away, which calls the horse doctor in. They call it bots, glanders, horse-galls, etc., and go to crumming down poisonous drugs, in doses; and the next you know of the poor abused creature, he is trotted off to be food for fish or crows. Many a valuable horse has been 'mysteriously' lost in just that way. Thinking and his humane people avoid this by first warming the bits; but this is much trouble and sometimes impossible, as in night work like stabling and physician's work. Now all this trouble is entirely avoided, as we have found on large trial, by getting the harness makers to get leather bits for winter use, so made that no metal substance can touch the flesh."

The Number Seven.

Anciently a child was not named before seven days, not being accounted fully to have life before that periodical day. The teeth spring out in the seventh month, and are shed in the seventh year, when infancy is changed into childhood. At three seven years, the faculties are developed, manhood commences, and a man becomes legally competent to all civil acts; at four times seven man is in full possession of his strength; at five times seven he is fit for the business of the world; at six times seven he becomes grave and wise or never; at seven times seven he is in apogee, and from that day decays; at eight times seven he is in his first climacteric; at nine times seven he is in his grand climacteric, or years of danger; and at ten times seven he has attained an age which the royal prophet has pronounced to be the natural period of human life.

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